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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AORG, ECA

SUBJ: SOVIET INFLUENCE IN FAO

REF: ADDIS ABABA 1488

1. FODAG HAS NOT PRESSED ISSUE OF SOVIET INFLUENCE IN FAO WHERE THEY ARE NOT MEMBERS, BUT IN OUR WORKING CONTACTS WITH FAO, WFP AND IFAD WE HAVE NOT HAD THIS IMPRESSION AT ALL.

2. THERE ARE NO USSR EMPLOYEES IN THESE ORGANIZATIONS. THERE IS A USSR EMPLOYEE WITH THE WFC, BUT HE SEEMS ISOLATED, NON-INFLUENTIAL AND NOT VERY CAPABLE, THOUGH VERY FRIENDLY.

3. CONTRARY TO PARA 8 REFTTEL, THE NEW FAO DG HAS EXPRESSED PRIVATELY IN OUR PRESENCE THE BELIEF THAT THE FAO IS JUST AS WELL OFF WITHOUT THE STRAINS OF USSR MEMBERSHIP.

4. THE SECRETARIAT OF THE FAO-FUNDED WORLD CONFERENCE ON AGRICULTURAL REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT HAVE INVITED THE USSR TO PARTICIPATE, BUT NO RESPONSE HAS BEEN RECEIVED TO DATE.

5. THERE ARE, OF COURSE USSR EMPLOYEES IN UNDP - SOME OF  
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WHOM ARE IN POSITIONS TO INFLUENCE THE FIELD ACTIVITIES OF THE ROME-BASED FOOD AGENCIES. WE HEAR THERE WERE RECENTLY DIFFICULTIES IN SOMALIA, FOR EXAMPLE, WHICH FAO BELIEVES WERE BECAUSE THE UN RES REP WAS RUSSIAN. HOLMES

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